

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-18 (canceled)

Claim 19 (new): A print-ordering system comprising:

print-control means which transfers image data to a print system, where the image data is transmitted from a user terminal via a network, and notifies the print system of image-processing mode of the image data and makes the print system execute print processing;

image-processing means which performs image processing for one or more image used for selecting the image-processing mode;

selection-inquiry means that transmits an image-processing-mode-selection image to the user terminal and that receives information about a result of selection made by a user from among the image-processing-mode-selection image; and

selection-result-storing means which stores the selection-result information,

wherein the print-control means determines the image-processing mode of which the print system is notified based on the selection-result information stored in the selection-result-storing means.

Claim 20 (new): A print-ordering system according to Claim 19, wherein the image-processing means performs multilevel-image processing for the image-processing mode and the selection-inquiry means transmits at least two image-processing-mode-selection images obtained by performing a multilevel-image processing to the user terminal so that the user makes selection.

Claim 21 (new): A print-ordering system according to Claim 19, wherein the image-processing means performs the image processing for any one of a sample image stored in an image database in advance or the image data transmitted from the user terminal.

Claim 22 (new): A print-ordering system according to Claim 21, further comprising means adapted to make an inquiry about which of the sample image and the image data of the user the user wants to select, as the image-processing-mode-selection image, via the user terminal, wherein the image-processing-mode-selection image is selected and the image processing is performed according to information about a result of the selection made by the user for the inquiry.

Claim 23 (new): A print-ordering system according to Claim 19, further comprising means adapted to ask the user about a type of the image-processing mode in which the image-processing means performs the image processing via the user terminal, wherein the type of the image-processing mode is determined according to a result of selection made by the user for the inquiry.

Claim 24 (new): A print-ordering system according to Claim 19, wherein the image-processing mode includes at least one of outline emphasis, hue, color density, gradation, and contrast.

Claim 25 (new): A print-ordering method comprising:
transferring image data to a print system, where the image data is transmitted from a user terminal via a network, and the print system is notified of image-processing mode of the image data and the print system is made to execute print processing;
performing image processing for an image used for selecting the image-processing mode;
transmitting an image-processing-mode-selection image to the user terminal and receiving information about a result of selection made by a user from among the image-processing-mode-selection image; and
storing the selection-result information in selection-result-storing means,
wherein, the image-processing mode of which the print system is notified is determined based on the selection-result information stored in the selection-result-storing means.

Claim 26 (new): A print-ordering method according to Claim 25, wherein, multilevel-image processing for the image-processing mode is performed, and at least two

image-processing-mode-selection images obtained by performing the multilevel-image processing are transmitted to the user terminal so that the user makes selection.

Claim 27 (new): A print-ordering method according to Claim 25, wherein the image processing is performed for any one of a sample image stored in an image database in advance and the image data transmitted from the user terminal.

Claim 28 (new): A print-ordering method according to Claim 27, further comprising making an inquiry about which of the sample image and the image data of the user the user wants to select, as the image-processing-mode-selection image, via the user terminal, wherein the image-processing-mode-selection image is selected and the image processing is performed according to information about a result of the selection made by the user for the inquiry.

Claim 29 (new): A print-ordering method according to Claim 25, further comprising asking the user about a type of the image-processing mode in which the image processing is performed via the user terminal, wherein the type of the image-processing mode is determined according to a result of selection made by the user for the inquiry.

Claim 30 (new): A print-ordering method according to Claim 25, wherein the image-processing mode includes at least one of outline emphasis, hue, color density, gradation, and contrast.

Claim 31 (new): A program that is computer readable and adapted to control a print-ordering system which produces a print of a print-order image stored in a user terminal by using a print system, the program comprising:

a print-control step adapted to transfer image data to a print system, where the image data is transmitted from a user terminal via a network, and the print system is notified of image-processing mode of the image data and the print system is made to execute print processing;

an image-processing step adapted to perform image processing for an image used for selecting the image-processing mode;

a selection-inquiry step adapted to transmit the image-processing-mode-selection image to the user terminal and receive information about a result of selection made by a user from among the image-processing-mode-selection image; and

a selection-result-storing step adapted to store the selection-result information in selection-result-storing means,

wherein, at the print-control step, the image-processing mode of which the print system is notified is determined on the basis of the selection-result information stored in the selection-result-storing means.

Claim 32 (new): A program according to Claim 31, wherein, at the image-processing step, multilevel-image processing for the image-processing mode is performed, and at the selection-inquiry step, at least two image-processing-mode-selection images obtained by performing the multilevel-image processing are transmitted to the user terminal so that the user makes selection.

Claim 33 (new): A program according to Claim 31, wherein, at the image-processing step, the image processing is performed for either a sample image stored in an image database in advance or the image data transmitted from the user terminal.

Claim 34 (new): A program according to Claim 33, further comprising the step of making an inquiry about which of the sample image and the image data of the user the user wants to select, as the image-processing-mode-selection image, via the user terminal, wherein the image-processing-mode-selection image is selected and the image processing is performed according to information about a result of the selection made by the user for the inquiry.

Claim 35 (new): A program according to Claim 31, further comprising the step of asking the user about a type of the image-processing mode in which the image processing is performed at the image-processing step via the user terminal, wherein the type of the image-processing mode is determined according to a result of selection made by the user for the inquiry.

Claim 36 (new): A program according to Claim 31, wherein the image-processing mode includes at least one of outline emphasis, hue, color density, gradation, and contrast.